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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

PETITION UNDER RULE 137(b)

The applicants respectfully petition for withdrawal of the abandonment of the above-identified application as the entirety of the delay of filing the required reply (RCE attached) was unintentional. The entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply (January 15, 2003) until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to paragraph 3 of Rule 137(b) was unintentional.

The required reply (RCE and RCE fee) are attached.

The required petition fee under Rule 17(m) is also attached.

Nothing further is believed to be required for acceptance and grant of the present Petition however the Office is requested to contact the undersigned if otherwise.

The Office is authorized to charge the undersigned's Deposit Account 14-1140 for any further required fee. See, attached authorization.

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